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## PUMP ENGINE RECOMMENDED FOR THE CITY

MICHIGAN INSPECTION BUREAU  
MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS  
REGARDING FIRES.

### Need for Pumper Felt by the City

A report of the Michigan Inspection Bureau regarding the fire department in this city, and with it the waterworks system as it is effective as a means of combating fires, shows among the recommendations that are made for the betterment of the system for fighting fires the Bureau recommends the installation of automobile driven triple combination hose chemical and pumping engine, pump to be rated at, at least, 600 gallons per minute at 120 pounds net engine pressure, one half capacity, at 200 pounds pressure and one-third capacity of 250 pounds.

These recommendations, naturally bring in insurance rates, as these are based upon the class in which a city is rated by the Michigan Inspection Bureau. Alma at the present time is in the fourth class, and by filling the recommendations of the Michigan Inspection Bureau can go into the third class. Adrian is the smallest city in Michigan in this class. Adrian has a population of 12,000, has a fire department with 14 full time men and five pieces of motor driven apparatus. It is estimated that by getting into the 3rd class the insurance rates here would be cut from 7 to 7 per cent, which in the course of two or three years would pay the cost of such apparatus. This insurance rate is paid by the property owners who also pay the taxes which would pay for the pumper, but after the first year or two it would be paid for, while the insurance saving was still being made over a period of years, and apparently is a matter of good business in the long run.

Alma people will recall that the present single truck unit is eight years old and has given wonderful service, but they cannot expect that this will continue forever. Sometime in going to a fire the truck may break down, or two fires might come at the same time, which easily shows where the great value of a second motor driven piece of fire apparatus might at one fire save its entire cost. It certainly would greatly lessen fire hazards. Should a big fire break out in the business section, or should a fire occur in the outlying section of the city, especially on dead-ends of the piping system, a pumper that would bring greater pressure would be invaluable.

The matter was taken up by the city commission Tuesday evening and discussed at length and Manager William Reynolds was asked to prepare a report on the matter.

Following are the recommendations which the Michigan Inspection Bureau has made for the betterment of fire fighting service in this city:

1. Reinforce the present supply to the mercantile section by main of ample capacity so that in case of failure of the 10-inch main on Superior street, it can supply the mercantile section.
2. Replace present 8-inch main on Superior street from State to Park streets with a 10 inch main.
3. Fire Department  
2. Install an automobile driven triple combination hose chemical and pumping engine, pump to be rated at, at least, 600 gallons per minute at 120 pounds net engine pressure, one half capacity at 200 pounds and one-third capacity at 250 pounds.
4. Appoint additional members to the fire department so that there will be at least, three full paid men on duty at all times.
5. Install an additional 35 gallon chemical tank so that there will be at least, two such pieces of apparatus responding to all first alarms.
6. Make provision so that the ladder truck will respond to all first alarm fires in the mercantile and manufacturing section.

It will be noted from the recommendations that the Michigan Inspection Bureau makes that it is seeking not only to better the present fire fighting machinery, but to guard against the failure of any one part of it, which is seen from the recommendation regarding the reinforcing of the present pipe system into the mercantile section and by the desire for two pieces of motor driven machinery.

While it is impossible at the present time to estimate the cost of making these changes, or of ascertaining the amount of insurance carried in the city, and thus ascertaining the possible saving in insurance rate each year by advancing to the new class, there apparently is little question.

### Kent Joins Dairy Alfalfa Campaigns

Kent County will join the list of state sections which are driving actively for better dairy standards, when the special Dairy-Alfalfa campaign, under the auspices of the Michigan Agricultural College, starts in the county on November 6, to run two weeks.

Kent will be the second county to take up the intensive campaign work in the state this fall, Clinton County just finishing a similar drive. Washenaw will start a two weeks' series on November 20, while Genesee, Ingham, and other sections will take up the work later in the winter.

The county series are part of the big campaign work being put on by the college in the interests of more efficient dairying and increased alfalfa acreage for Michigan.

Local, or so-called "barn-yard" meetings, which are held in every section of each county by the teams putting on the campaigns, are the special features which mark the Dairy-Alfalfa campaigns. Every farmer in the county is given a chance to attend at least one of the demonstrations without going more than three or four miles from his own farm. In Kent County, for instance, 78 of these local meetings are scheduled.

This type of "direct contact" campaign is something new in agricultural extension work, and is proving so effective that striking results are apparent in the counties covered immediately following the campaigns.

## BROTHERHOOD TO BANQUET

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ORGANIZATION PLANNING FOR  
FALL'S ACTIVITIES.

The Presbyterian Brotherhood is now laying plans for its fall and winter activities, the first feature being a banquet that is to be held Armistice day.

The banquet will begin promptly at 6:45 o'clock, and it has been announced that Judge Edward J. Moinet of St. Johns is to be the principal speaker of the evening. Judge Moinet was a speaker before the Alma Chamber of Commerce last spring and his address won him many new friends in this city, and the members of the Brotherhood who heard him at that time will be delighted to have the opportunity to hear him again. The men are invited to bring their wives or lady friends to the banquet.

The second function that the Brotherhood will hold will be an attraction Friday evening, December 1, at which time Professor Roy Innes of the Department of Public Speaking of the University of Michigan will present "The Servant in the House" as a reading.

After the Christmas holidays the Brotherhood hopes to announce a banquet at which President Marion LeRoy Burton of the University of Michigan will speak. He has already given encouragement to the belief that he will be available at that time.

### International Egg Contest at M. A. C.

With pens entered from several foreign countries, as well as from many of the states in America, the first Michigan Agricultural College International Egg Laying Contest got under way at East Lansing this week. The contest will run from Nov. 1, 1922, until Nov. 1, 1923.

Some of the most famous poultry breeders in the world have entered their best stock for the competition, according to Prof. E. C. Foreman, head of the M. A. C. poultry department, who is in charge of the contest. The result is that high records are expected to be made during the event, which will be one of the biggest of its kind ever held.

One hundred pens, all told, are entered, with birds from most of the popular breeds represented. Included in the list of breeds are: Leghorns, Rocks, Reds, Wyandottes, Orpingtons and others.

Six new poultry houses, constructed at the college for the express purpose of housing the contest entries, were completed last week in time for the incoming birds.

"Laying contests are popular now in all sections of the country and are the only medium the utility poultryman has for getting official records on his stock," says Professor Foreman. "Records will also be available on all the interesting economic problems, such as the amount of food required by the various breeds and varieties, the number of eggs produced, the seasonal distribution, costs of production, and all other facts involved in poultry economics."

"The prospective poultryman will also have an opportunity to study poultry characteristics before making final decision on the breed he intends to carry for commercial purposes."



## PAR-KAR COACH BUSINESS SHOWS GOOD INCREASE

NINETY MEN NOW ON THE PAY  
ROLL OF THIS NEW IN-  
DUSTRIAL CONCERN.

### Company Has Landed Another Big Order

Unless they have been watching the developments very closely the people of St. Louis and Alma, who are the most affected, have not a good realization of the importance of the "Twin Cities" of the Par-Kar Coach Company located in the Bollstrom plant, in St. Louis, and are probably not aware that this concern which started operations less than three months ago with less than 30 people on its payroll, is now employing more than 90 and has every expectation of soon being forced to add still more men to its working force.

The Par-Kar company has been meeting with a success little short of wonderful with its new product, all things considered, and indications are that its highly promising business will become greater during the coming months.

The company has been making deliveries on its large Grand Rapids order during the past few weeks and is rapidly nearing the completion of this order, which was a large one. The order included both trucks and bus jobs, the greater part of the latter already having gone forward to the Michigan Transportation Company. This transportation company has the Michigan rights for the use of the Par-Kar buses and expects to develop a large system through Michigan, which will bring more and larger orders to the rapidly growing St. Louis company.

A concern in Toronto operating a number of "rolling stores" is another company that is taking most kindly to the Par-Kar product and has increased an order with the St. Louis concern to from ten to twenty-five jobs, making an order of \$137,500. The Toronto concern investigated the product of the new company closely before placing the original order for ten trucks and in increasing the order to such an extent shows the faith that it has in the Par-Kar product.

officials, who gave every evidence of the faith that they had in the community by coming into northern Gratiot to develop their product and put it on the market. Every bit of success that any company in the two cities may have cannot but be reflected in the community life of both cities, so closely are they associated and so common are the aims of the two communities.

### Ask for Pavement on East Downie St.

A petition of residents and property owners residing on East Downie street between State street and Pine avenue, was submitted to the city commission Tuesday evening asking for pavement on that street.

The petition was referred to the city manager with instructions to prepare plans, specifications, and estimates of the cost of the work.

The expectation is that the cost of the work will be submitted sometime during the present winter and that the budget to be adopted early in the spring will provide for the city's share of the work, which would be very nominal in this case most of the streets to be crossed by this pavement already having pavement, thus doing away with any costs for corners by the city, excepting on Gratiot avenue.

### WOMEN ARE THINKING

Hello, Hello, Central. Give me number five double eight. This is five double eight. Who is calling? Oh yes, Mary this is you. What is it? Well on my way home from our meeting yesterday we drove around and talked with those members of our women's club who were not present at our meeting. And, what do you think? Every one of them had already decided to vote for Sara Brodebeck for Register of Deeds. They all place it upon the ground that she is perfectly capable, and then she is the only lady on her ticket; and out of this whole election we ought to have at least one or two ladies elected. I think it will be down right mean if the men don't assist us a little in electing her, so there!

Well let's be on hand early and see that all of our members are out to vote, and let's vote for the ones who ought to have the offices, instead of doing what the men do—just vote pictures.

Yes, Yes, you say all right. Well Good-by—advertisement.

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## M. E. BISHOP WILL OPEN THE LYCEUM COURSE

FRANCIS J. MCCONNELL WILL  
SPEAK ON MEXICO NEXT  
WEDNESDAY EVENING.

### Regarded as an Eminent Speaker

One of the notable lecturers of the day, Bishop Francis J. McConnell, will be heard on the local Lyceum course next Wednesday evening, in one of his masterly addresses. The address, "The Problem of Mexico," is to open the local course, and will be given in the High School auditorium.

Bishop McConnell is a well-known leader in the Methodist Episcopal church of America. In addition to his numerous duties in this connection, he is deeply interested in international affairs, and has made intensive and valuable investigations in foreign countries of situations that are engaging the thoughtful attention of America today.

Among lectures given by this eminent speaker are an address on Mexico, with which country he is exceptionally familiar, and "Social Imagination," an inspirational message.

A recent trip to the Orient has furnished first-hand information on conditions there, which the Bishop relates in one of his addresses.

Bishop McConnell's coming here is one of the important events on the Lyceum course, and his coming as the opening number of the annual winter course is creating a greater interest in this series of winter attractions than is usually the case.

Tickets for the Lyceum course are now on sale and can be procured from the various ticket agents or from the drug stores. It is advisable to secure the tickets as early as possible and to get them reserved as quickly as possible. The course this year will have six numbers, all of high class, and will prove a highly interesting, and instructive one.

The Blackaller players who have been appearing every Tuesday night at the Strand Theater, Alma will play at the Liberty Theater, St. Louis on Tuesday nights, beginning Nov. 7.—advertisement.

Alma Chapter, O. E. S. No. 43 will hold its regular meeting on Friday at 7:30

### Red Cross Roll Call Director

Mr. Clarence E. Holmes, Lansing, Michigan, has accepted the appointment as director for the State of Michigan of the Sixth Annual Roll Call of the American Red Cross, according to the announcement just made by Walter Davidson, Manager of Central Division.

A state office has been opened in the Prodden Building in Lansing from which the Director will reach the chapters in the 87 counties of the state. He will have the active assistance of Mr. Glenn S. Kies, also a resident of Lansing and Red Cross field representative for the State.

Mr. Holmes is Vice President of the Michigan Employers Casualty Company and of the Wolverine Fire Insurance Company and for the past twenty years Superintendent of the Michigan Schools for the Blind. He is the son of a Civil War Veteran and a graduate of the Michigan Agricultural College. He has the unique record of serving as teacher, principal, superintendent, member of the board and finally President of the Board of Education. Dr. Winship of the Journal of Education states that this is the only case, in his knowledge, where a man has had this unique experience in one community. He is a prominent lecturer in Institute work, holds high positions in the leading fraternal associations of the state.

So closely did Mr. Holmes resemble President Wilson it is said that during the war residents of Lansing mistook him for the President.

## TWO FIRES HERE DURING THE WEEK

ONE IN EAST END AND SECOND  
ONE IN WEST PART OF  
THE CITY.

The fire department has been called out twice during the present week to fires, and fortunately in each case the department was able to extinguish the incipient flames with only small losses in each case. One of the fires was discovered in the house at 1113 Eastward street at an early hour Tuesday morning and the other took place Wednesday morning at the house at 325 Lincoln avenue occupied by Carlyle Hawley.

The house at 1113 Eastward street where the blaze occurred early Tuesday morning is at the present time unoccupied, although some household furniture was stored in one of the upstairs rooms. It was in this room that the fire was discovered. By the time that the department could reach the scene the flames had gained a good headway, but they were quickly quelled and it is probable that the loss will not exceed \$500.

The blaze at the residence of Carlyle Hawley caused a loss that probably will not reach \$250.00. It is believed that this fire was started from an overheated furnace, as the fire apparently started in the basement and worked up through a partition to the first floor of the house.

### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. Marshall Hopkins on Pine avenue with a good representation of members and a profitable evening of business, under the auspices of Mrs. Shook in the absence of the president.

A barrel and three boxes of fruit were shipped by the society to the Roosevelt Hospital for the Service men in Battle Creek.

The next meeting place has not been determined upon as yet, but everyone should be ready for the notices as sent in advance and try to be in attendance.

Charles H. Goggin and Harry Gerber were in Detroit on business Thursday.



SARA O. BRODEBECK

Place a cross before her name on the Democratic ticket.

Miss Brodebeck's friends in Alma and vicinity respectfully request the voters on election day to support her for the office of Register of Deeds, and thereby honor a capable and worthy woman of lifelong citizenship in Gratiot County.

(Political Advertisement)

## FIGURES SHOW TAX ARGUMENT IS A POOR ONE

STATE TAXES THIS YEAR ARE  
NEARLY FOUR MILLION  
BELOW LAST YEAR.

### Shows Money Is Not Thrown to Winds

Democratic state candidates have laid great stress upon the large Michigan taxes during the campaign which is now rapidly coming to a close, but they have not offered to show or have they even suggested to the people to whom they were talking that the state taxes this year will be almost four million dollars less than they were a year ago, showing that the Groesbeck administration plan is meeting with success, which is most evident when such a saving is shown.

Anything that has savored of the present administration has apparently been pounded upon and pounded upon by the office seekers on the Democratic state ticket as wrong from Gov. Groesbeck's administration plan down. It would seem that his plan of administration through the administration board, which has enabled the State of Michigan to save almost four million dollars in a single year is well worth being given a real trial over a period of years, and that Groesbeck should be given full opportunity to continue his test and his theory.

Bringing the tax question down to Gratiot county figures given out by the auditor general's office at Lansing on October 23, show that Gratiot county paid in direct property tax to the state \$185,334.37. This year the tax to be paid by the people of the county is only \$151,001.77, or \$34,332.60 less than was paid one year ago.

Not only does such a report deal a blow to the Democrat claims of high taxes but would certainly seem to knock their claims of extravagance into a cocked-hat, as the figures that have come out of the auditor general's office are such that the Democratic campaign here and cry is not consistent with them.

Not only is the tax of Gratiot county \$34,332.60 less than a year ago due to the decrease in the tax to \$151,001.77, but the people of Gratiot county have received back from the State of Michigan in the primary school fund alone this year a total of \$118,591.29.

This is just one of the things that indicates that the people are not quite so badly off as the Democrats might have them believe. It is true that the money from the primary school fund comes as a result of provisions that have been made in some instances for years, but had some of these provisions not been made by Republican legislatures and signed by Republican governors in past years the people of Michigan would be paying a far greater toll today to their home school districts for educational purposes, and it might serve to indicate that new things in Michigan, such as a thorough trial for the state administrative board, which can save the state nearly \$4,000,000 in a single year, would not be a bad thing for the tax-payers.

Governor Groesbeck has been a worker and not a talker. He has done much in the past two years in reform work in Michigan prisons, bettering conditions greatly, winning praise from a great majority of the jurists of the state for this work, which the general public has not been familiar with. But this and other such questions laid aside, if it were only for the fact that he has been instrumental in bringing about a new administrative system that after a year's effort can reduce the tax of the state nearly \$4,000,000, he should be returned to Lansing by the people of the state to complete his unfinished work.

He like Senator Charles Townsend of Battle Creek, who is also seeking re-election, cannot at this time well be spared by the Michigan people.

### ATTENDING CONVENTIONS

Members of the Alma College faculty are attending district teachers meetings in various parts of the state or have been during the past week. Alma reunions being held in connection with each. Dean James E. Mitchell represented the College at Grand Rapids the latter part of last week and at a meeting in Saginaw, Vice President Hamilton and Professor Ewing represented the College, Monday evening. Professor West was the representative at Cadillac and tonight Present Crooks is attending the Detroit meeting. Carl Titus, superintendent of schools at Cheboygan, is representing the College in the north district meeting.

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